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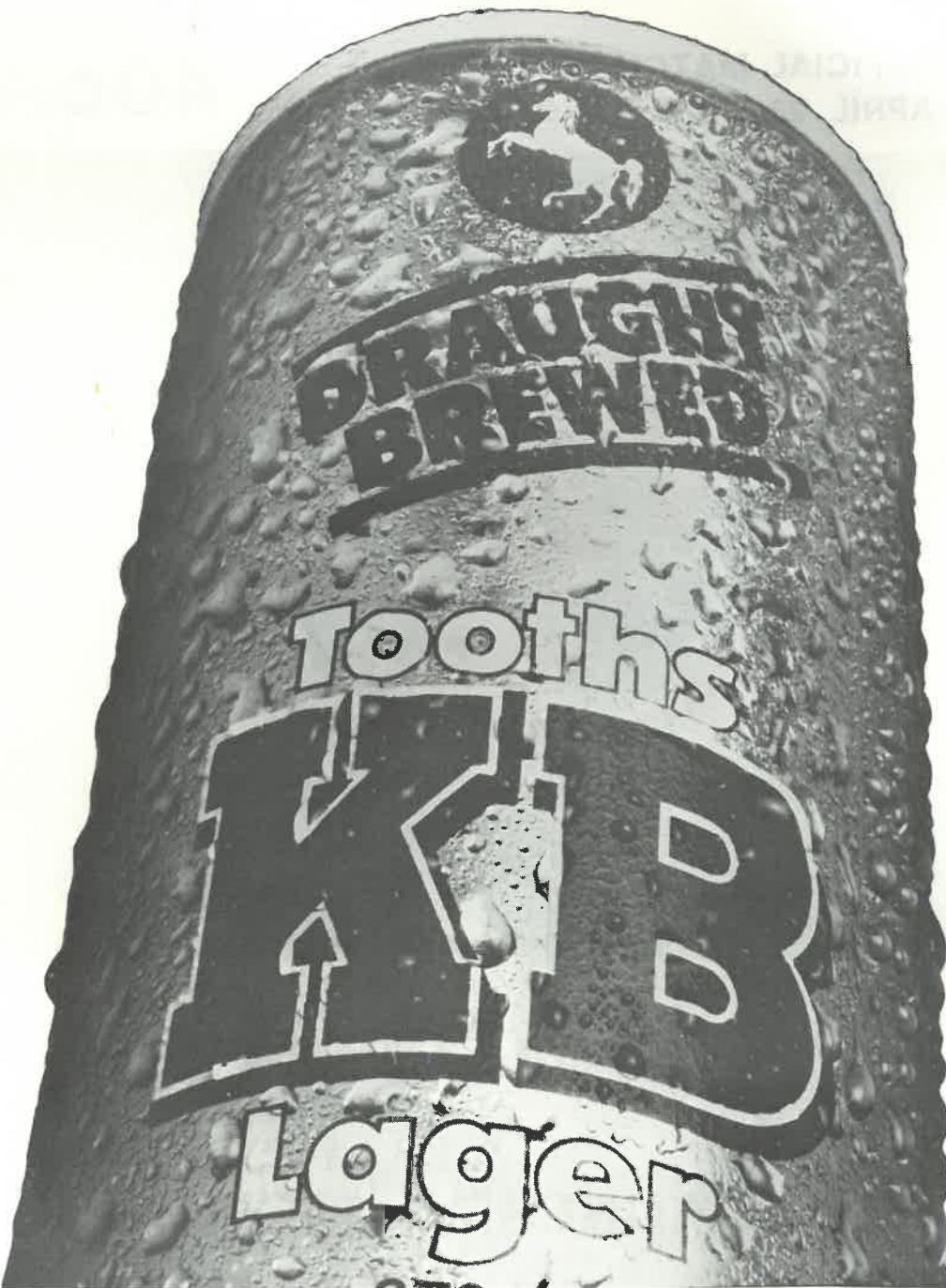
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COVER PIC: Col Curran lets fly at goal in the match against South Melbourne.

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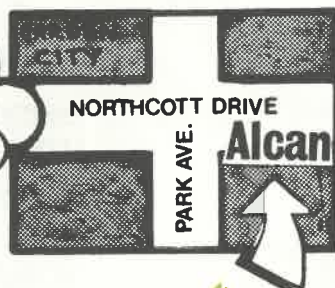
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The only two clubs in the league that regularly clash four times each season will meet again at the International Sports Centre today in a first round PSL fixture.

This is a match that, even at this early stage, will be important to both sides. The points table shows that a win today for either side is going to provide a great deal of mileage for the winners.

After drawing 2-all with United in the Prime Minister's Cup match in March, Canberra have shown a great deal of consistency to be among the front runners on the ladder. Their away record has been very sound and must provide some concern for United.

Amongst their results this season Canberra can probably look to their 3-1 win over Marconi at Bruce Stadium as their best performance. Marconi have since made that form look even better by running off a couple of big wins.

Canberra can rightfully boast to be one of the best supported clubs in the league and their operation at Bruce Stadium impresses all visitors to the ground. It has obviously impressed Rudi Gutendorf because the national coach is keen to put some of his national squad prospects on show in Canberra and has scheduled a game involving Norwich City and a PSL selection for Bruce Stadium on the night of May 22.

The basis of the side could come from Canberra City with a strong sprinkling of other top PSL players and some from Newcastle United.

For their Sunday fixtures earlier in the season, Canberra recorded crowds of 7000-plus but since dropping back to Saturday games has averaged out at around the 5000 mark. Nonetheless it is

great support and points to the strong regional backing that City has gathered.

The Canberra club's strong links with Newcastle grew even closer when former United president Max Talbot moved to the ACT to take over as City secretary. As one of the foundation directors of United, Max helped formulate some of the club's most vital and successful policies. He has taken that expertise to Canberra and everybody in Australian soccer is pleased to see that the round ball code is flourishing in the national capital as a result.

Max has always been an admirer of Newcastle's youth talent and he has watched some of the North's best young players develop into Australian internationals. Therefore, it naturally followed that Canberra should be the first club to appoint a talent scout in Northern NSW.

His name is Bobby Cameron and his face will be one that young players all over the Hunter area will be looking for when they run out on to the park. United are always on the look out for the best youths and the composition of its current squad reflects the clubs accent on youth.

Like Newcastle, Canberra has relied on moulding a team unit and has not fallen into the trap of a star system as pursued by some other clubs. Under the coaching of Vic Fernandez, the accent is on hard work supported by skill and with strong administrative support, the stability necessary for success is becoming evident at Canberra.

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Alan Vest

Who would have believed that inside two years of formation we'd have been on top of the Philips League and have had a crowd in excess of 18000. Well its happened and is the talking point of Australian soccer circles, with such a crowd perhaps all aspects of the media, newspaper, radio and television will put the game in true perspective and give it the publicity it deserves. Surely with a crowd like that and the interest it has created, second rate reviews are not warranted.

I've been approached by many reporters and people from radio and TV recently, particularly the ones from Sydney and interstate intimating how with the low budget we've had to work on, we can be at the top of the league and we can't go on being lucky, and all predicting we'll lose sometime. There's nothing surer than predicting we'll lose sometime and they're all waiting to publicise the fact that we have lost. As I've said before it's very early to predict any final outcome to the season but it's great to have those early points on the table and irrespective of the final outcome to the season, teams that do beat us, will know they've been in a game.

It was a hard earned win against Sydney Olympic, we've played better, but we're sticking to the job in hand, being patient and giving very little away

## FROM THE TUNNEL

and were rewarded by two goals built up as well as any I've seen this season. The first beautifully set up by Ian Seddon who held off two tackles before playing an immaculate ball to split the defence and set up Graham Heys to crash into the net. The second set up by Brett Cowburn who took a through ball on his chest, drew a man, slipped it to Kenny Boden who produced some magic to get to the line and play it into the box where Brett had carried on forward to turn and hit a low shot into the bottom corner. A fitting reward for Brett who in our opinion is destined for a remarkable soccer future.

Good also to see Peter Willis playing as well as he's ever played. It takes time for players to get acclimatised to new surroundings, new conditions, new teammates and supporters should always be aware of this.

Well four goals away to Fitzroy was a tremendous achievement and everyone a well taken goal. Another good team performance, even more pleasing to see Ken Boden and Graham Heys on the score sheet. Malcolm McClelland's performance against socceroo Jimmy Rooney was a revelation, I've always rated Jimmy as one of Australia's best, but on Sunday in Melbourne he was definitely second best to Malcolm.

Well we don't know the outcome of Wednesday's Cup Tie against Edgeworth at the time of going to press but I can assure you it will have been a hard game for us. Funny things happen in Cup Ties all over the world and I'm sure it will have been an entertaining game.

Well Canberra this week, having a great start to the season and developing into a sound side under coach Vic Fernandez. I know they'll be coming looking for points, I hope it's an entertaining game as a reward for the tremendous support you're giving us.

*Alan Vest travels by Holden courtesy of McLEOD, KELSO and LEE*



# PLAYER PROFILE



Last year he was the youngest player to score in the Philips League in a season which saw him start as a left-back and finish at striker.

This week:  
**NEAL ENDACOTT**

**POSITION:**

Striker.

**SHIRT NUMBER:**

3.

**DATE OF BIRTH:**

5-1-60.

**STAR SIGN:**

Capricorn.

**HEIGHT:**

6 ft. 1 in.

**WEIGHT:**

10 st. 10 lb.

**EYES:**

Brown.

**HAIR COLOUR:**

Brown.

**OTHER POSITIONS PLAYED:**

Left-back and midfield.

**GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT:**

Playing with Bobby Charlton last year in a match in which Neal scored the winning goal against Marconi.

**GREATEST DISAPPOINTMENT:**

Having to pull out of the Australian Youth team with injury.

**HOBBIES:**

Fishing, cricket, reading.

**SUPERSTITIONS:**

None.

**GREATEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:**

Family and John Hagart (Manager of Hearts and current Scottish national squad assistant manager), Alan Vest and Frank Campbell.

**AMBITIONS:**

To live a long life and play as long as possible.

**FAVOURITE ACTORS/SINGERS:**

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## TRED LIGHTLY

*By Alan Tredinnick*

When Roy Drinkwater scored the equaliser against A.P.I.A., the K.B. crowd went wild. There was no play for two minutes because the A.P.I.A. players were stunned by our reaction. Peter Wilson stood in open-mouthed amazement. He'd obviously forgotten what it was like to play in front of an involved, appreciative crowd. Our organised barracking sets us apart from most P.S.L. clubs. It makes us the new kings of soccer.

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I dropped three passengers at the gate and drove on to find a parking spot. Eventually I located one on top of the hill at least a kilometre from Wentworth Park. I wasn't appreciating the prospect of the long walk on my own. Then I heard the K.B. supporters singing in the stand. It sounded great except that they were singing, "You'll never walk alone."

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### DAFFYNITIONS

**MAXIMUM POINTS:**

A hedgehog.

**TWO POINTER:**

Possibly bull though never the source of a beef.

**ONE POINTER:**

Possibly a unicorn but not all that fabulous.

**HOME LOSS:**

Like having your house and belongings destroyed.

**AWAY LOSS:**

Truckies' blockade.

**UNBEATEN RUN:**

The white of raw egg.

**DEFENCE:**

De structure built to keep out de enemy.

**ATTACK:**

A nail to 'ang your 'at on.

**LOCAL DERBY:**

The race to get first drink on Friday afternoon.

**STRIP:**

Clothing turned out in size 40 for size 36 men and vice versa.

**SET PLAY:**

Compulsory reading for students of Shakespeare.

**SURPRISE MOVE:**

Players use it when they've forgotten the set play.

**SQUARE BALL:**

Conservative club cabaret.

**HOSPITAL PASS:**

A ticket for one to fraternise with doctors and nurses.

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**DEAR DOROTHY DIX,**

My husband has never liked soccer though I am mad about it. When I came home from the match against A.P.I.A. I had completely lost my voice from barracking too much. Then my husband gave me money to book for the next

match in Sydney. Do you think he is becoming a United fan?

\* \* \* \*

**HOPEFUL.**

### DAFFYNITIONS

**SEARCHING PASS:**

A warrant issued to police.

**FIRST TIMER:**

A virgin with an hour-glass figure.

**BACK POST:**

Letter returned to sender.

**FRONT POST:**

A public relations campaign through the mail.

**LEFT FOOT DRIVE:**

Vehicle for the handicapped in America.

**PROMOTION:**

Professional movement.

**RELEGATION:**

Movement towards amateurism.

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### VERBALLY VIVID

**TEACHER AND PUPILS:**

An accolade reserved for the player who's all class.

**SITTING DUCK:**

A description of any game that offers no excitement to sportsmen.

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KEITH HARRIS went for a short walk after tea and fell in with the weary Rah Rah boys returning from a road run. When they peeled off onto the training field Keith naturally kept going. But not for long.

"Hey, you", yelled their excited coach. "Where do you think you're going?"

Too polite to argue, Keith turned back and joined the squad. At the end of the night the trainer spoke to Keith again.

"You know, you could be quite an asset to this club if you took training more seriously. That's the third time this week I've caught you trying to sneak off."

"I know", said Keith. "I nearly got away tonight. I was really frightened I might get home in time to help with the washing up."

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**DEAR DOROTHY DIX,**

I would like your advice on a matter that has been of great concern to me for some weeks. My wife says she objects to my football. We have three children and she says we can't afford the risk of injury. If I should be laid up with anything serious I would lose my weekly income. Besides that, I might not be able to help round the house. Then she would have to look after the kids instead of driving in the demolition derby on Friday nights.

\* \* \* \*

**WORRIED.**

**DEAR DOROTHY DIX,**

I have just won \$300,000 in the Pools. My system was simple. I used the birthdays of my close relatives. The last one was my wife's. Do you think the Pools people will take the prize off me if they find out we are divorced?

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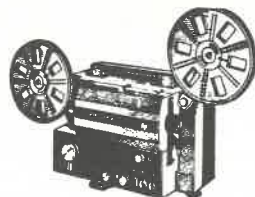
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# CHIPS AND CROSSES

It doesn't mean that they will be letting him take the penalties from now on but Peter Willis might have just about the most accurate shot in the club – the golf club that is. The Newcastle United right back surprised himself with the accuracy of his tee shot while playing at Muree recently. You guessed it – he planted a hole-in-one.

\* \* \* \*

Speaking of penalties; our statistician who is also big on trivia notes that after six PSL games, Newcastle had not been awarded or conceded a penalty. That's a bit different to last year when we scored one in the first match which resulted in a 4-1 loss to Hakoah-Easts (now Sydney City).

\* \* \* \*

United are off to Brisbane next week to play Lions and the following week they are at home for what should be an important match against Sydney City, the side that won the league in 1977, came second last year and won the final four series. City are considered by many to be the strongest unit in Australia and there are many claimants to the title including Newcastle, who have staged an enterprising start to the season.

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That young man who stepped out of the Wales helicopter before the start of the Sydney Olympic match was Murray King of 64 Christopher Avenue, Valentine. Murray, 9, has thanked the club by letter for his ride which he won as part of the Year of the Child festivities. Writes Chris:

"I'd like to thank Newcastle KB United for the exciting helicopter trip I won as part of the Newcastle United promotion. The exciting ride and landing in the middle of the International Sports Centre is something I will never forget".

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The two footie types fronted up at the gate at the ISC for the Olympic game. They were obviously down from the country and loaded with all the gear including the token Eskys. With a fistful of programs and golden goal tickets, they headed for the noise and atmosphere of the stand. After battling their way through the crowd and finding a place for themselves as well as the Eskys, they began to take in the action on the park. With obvious shock they noted that it was a round ball being kicked around out there. After a few questions

to people nearby, they deduced they were at the wrong ground. They quickly picked up their goods and headed for No 1 Sports Ground and the rugby league rep match. No doubt there was plenty of space there for them.

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Our photo of Graham Heys scoring against Sydney Olympic (see pic in this program) solved one mystery. While many thought that Graham had intended to cut the ball back to his supports inside the penalty area, the photo clearly shows that he has spotted goalkeeper Gary Meier leaving the near post and that is where the shot is going.

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*This article . . .*

**WHAT THE PAPERS ARE SAYING ABOUT UNITED**  
*(from the Daily Mirror (18-4-79) by Tom Anderson)*

Tom Anderson looks at soccer's success story

**UNITED HAVE THE TOWN BEHIND THEM**

**And a top administration**

**Boom soccer club Newcastle KB United's secret for success is that old A, B, C — ability, breaks and courage.**

Add a great deal of hard work and a magnificent community spirit — and there you have it !

Newcastle made the Australian sport-ing world sit up and take notice when they drew a record Philips Soccer League attendance of 18,367 at their home game with Sydney Olympic at the International Sports Centre last Saturday.

**SPIRIT**

In doing this, they proved once and for all, that by adopting the correct and sensible formula, club soccer in Australia can draw the crowds.

And there's more to come. With United sitting high and dry on top of the competition there is a great likelihood that this attendance record will be broken in Newcastle later this season.

I was privileged to be at the Sports Centre last Saturday, not only to watch the game but to observe the community spirit and the thoroughness of the club administration.

Newcastle are united in name and united in nature.

Their board of directors are all successful businessmen in their own right and run the club as a business venture.

One of the directors is former Socceroo Ray Baartz who knows his football from A to Z.

The board of directors have also

co-opted members of the public at large in Newcastle to help their quest.

For example, the chairman of their Finance Advisory Board is the general-manager of NBN Television, George Brown.

It is a real community effort with everyone pitching in and trying their utmost to put forward new ideas to retain the present momentum.

**SUPPORT**

Their supporters are just marvellous, and are behind their team wholeheartedly.

I met two Greek chappies on Saturday who usually support Greek sponsored teams when they play in Newcastle.

But not now, they support United — their home town team. This typifies the spirit up there at the moment.

To run their team, United have two full-time operators, manager-coach Alan Vest and his assistant Frank Campbell.

They are two level headed individuals who know what is expected of them, and leave no stone unturned to produce the goods.

Newcastle have demonstrated what it takes to make club soccer a success and involve the community as a whole.

Their marvellous effort must now surely be taken as a guideline and an example to every other club in the PSL.



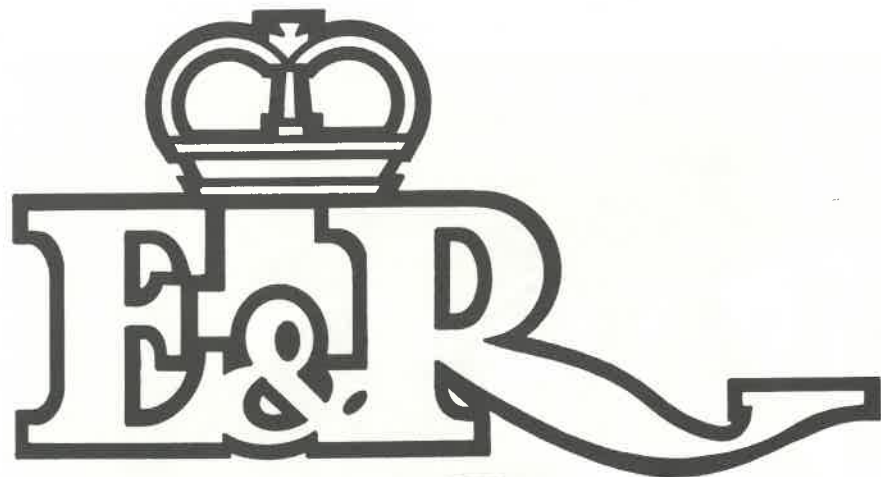


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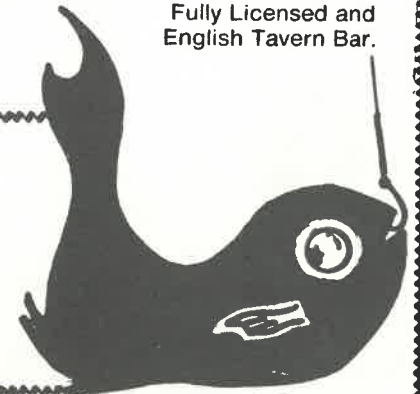
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Newcastle United right back Peter Willis moves in to block a shooting chance by Sydney Olympic's Dave McIntosh.  
(PIC: Newcastle Herald)

## FOOTBALL'S MONEY-GO-ROUND

In a single day last month, more than two million Aust. dollars worth of soccer talent was bought and sold in England.

Five p.m. on March 29 was the deadline hour for the completion of this season's transfers, and the last-minute flurry pushed the amount spent by clubs on new players to a record \$35 million.

It was an appropriate climax to a buying season which witnessed Britain's first million pound footballer and its first half million pound goalkeeper.

The magic million Stg. (1.8 million Aust. dollars) mark was reached in February when Nottingham Forest secured the services of 24-year-old Trevor Francis from struggling Birmingham City.

Goalkeeper Phil Parkes was lured from Queens Park Rangers to second division West Ham last month for 565,000 Stg. (one million dollars).

A dozen players fetched half a million dollars or more in the transfer merry-go-round.

Trevor Francis's talents are not in dispute, but many observers are asking whether a footballer — any footballer — is worth that much money.

The argument is that he simply may not fit in with his new club or, even worse, one sudden serious injury could turn Forest's massive outlay into a financial disaster.

Clubs can still sign new players, but are not allowed to field them until next season without permission from the league's management committee — and that permission will not be given if a match involves promotion or relegation.

Francis has been ineligible to play for Notts Forest in this season's FA and League Cups. He is also ruled out of the midlanders' attempt to win the prized European Cup.

Two weeks ago an increasingly bemused public was treated to the spectacle of Nottingham Forest travelling to Switzerland for a European Cup-tie, while their million pound man boarded a Concorde flight to the United States.

Francis, who has played only a handful of games for his new club, was in need of match practice, so he turned out in a friendly match for his American team Detroit Express.

He scored six goals against NASL champions New York Cosmos, before winging his way home again on Concorde.

Francis's contract enables him to swell his bank balance even more during the English close-season by playing in the US, where he will pick up about \$150,000 for 15 matches.

A number of people connected with the game can see no sense in spending huge sums on players while public facilities at many of the 92 league club grounds need improvements.

One idea attracting support is that the authorities should impose a moratorium on transfers for, say, a three-year-period, during which money earmarked for the transfer market should be diverted to ground improvements.

In the current atmosphere, however, there seems little likelihood of such a measure being adopted in the near future.

About four million of the 35 million Aust. dollars forked out by clubs this season has been spent on importing players from overseas.

Tottenham Hotspur made the biggest — and the best — foreign buy when they laid out \$740,000 for Argentinian World Cup star Osvaldo Ardiles, and another \$645,000 for his compatriot Ricardo Villa.

Other notable imports were Argentinian Alberto Tarantini to Birmingham for \$450,000, Peruvian World Cup player Juan Carlos Oblitas to second division Brighton for \$340,000, and Polish World Cup veteran Kazimierz Deyna to Manchester City for \$235,000.

It's common these days to hear match commentators on television saying: "My word, what a goal, he's just repaid another slice of that big transfer fee . . ."

Everyone seems to have accepted that clubs now deal in telephone-number amounts when buying top players.

After a while the noughts on the end will become relatively meaningless.

The larger the sum, the less comprehensible it becomes.

Perhaps by the turn of the century we will all yawn when Scunthorpe United or Grimsby Town unveil Britain's first ten million pound player.



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SYDNEY CITY	5	—	2	17	9	11
BRISBANE CITY	4	1	2	11	9	9
CANBERRA	3	3	1	9	7	9
ADELAIDE CITY	3	2	2	12	11	8
WEST ADELAIDE	3	2	2	4	6	8
APIA	3	1	3	5	6	7
FOOTSCRAY	3	1	3	10	13	7
HEIDELBERG	1	3	3	7	10	5
LIONS	2	—	5	8	11	4
OLYMPIC	2	—	5	5	8	4
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## THE ROSEBUDS STORY

By Jack Matthews

(continued from previous issue)

When Adamstown Rosebuds teams won the Newcastle Soccer premiership and Ellis Cup knock-out competition double in 1894 — only five seasons after the club was formed on July 12, 1889 — the club became the talk not only of the "Town but of the Northern Soccer world.

A record membership, to that time, crowded into the Adamstown Municipal Council Chambers for the annual meeting of 1895. Nothing succeeds like success.

The balance sheet showed a record income but one of expenditure too, the credit balance being only £14-19-8. But it was generally acknowledged that 1894 had been a season much beyond the wildest dreams and hopes. It was decided that a "Grand Ball" should be held at which trophies and medals would be presented and also that a team should be entered in the Gardiner Cup competition which carried with it the tag of State Champion.

Mr. J. Embleton was re-elected as president, Mr. W. Waugh as treasurer and Mr. G. Nicholls as secretary.

The Rosebuds were drawn at home to meet Minmi Thistles in the first round of the Gardiner Cup on June 29, 1895, with a referee to be sent from Sydney. Wallsend had not entered a team in the cup competition and four of its players, Arch and Jim Jackson, "Yorky" Miller and Jack Martin, were each paid £1 to play for the Thistles, the rules permitting members of any club not in the competition to play for one which was.

A crowd of more than 2000 turned out at Adamstown Park for the match. Eggs and rotten fruit were hurled at the four Wallsenders as they went on to the field.

Adamstown's team for the match was: J. Clayton, W. Waugh, J. Waugh, Simmons, P. Lynch, W. Wilson, Filby, George, A. Galloway, Martin, Embleton.

Rosebuds led 3-nil at half-time with goals from Galloway, Martin and George. The second half was scoreless and there was "a hot time in the old town" that night.

But jubilation was short-lived and quickly turned to disgust and near despair when, a few days later, it was reported from Sydney that the fixture had been declared "no match".

The State Association ruled that neither team had provided the Sydney referee with a list of players. Mr. Nichols went to Sydney and stated the case so well that the disqualification was lifted and Adamstown declared the winner. But, for some unstated reason, the State Association, at its next meeting, decided that Adamstown should be disqualified for the season and should not have been allowed to enter the Cup competition. But Adamstown was refused a refund of the £1-16-0 paid to enter a competition for which it had been ruled ineligible.

This was the first instance of the many highlighting the maladministration of the State controlling body when it came to matters affecting the North.

The Rosebuds won the 1895 premiership but lost the Ellis Cup final, three-two, to Minmi Rangers after two drawn matches.

In that year, Adamstown had entered teams in the senior and second grade and junior

competitions, winning in the top grade and being runners-up in the other two, so heralding what promised to be a bright future.

The 1896 season began with a credit balance of 18/4½d and the club lost three stalwarts — W. Waugh, the treasurer and team captain, Peter Lynch, the vice-captain and G. Nicholls, secretary and trainer. They went to Kalgoorlie in search of work but returned to Adamstown in a comparatively short time.

Adamstown was readmitted to the Gardiner Cup competition but was defeated, three-nil, by Balmain in the first round and by Minmi Rangers in an Ellis Cup semi-final. It made a poor showing in the badge, or premier-ship competition.

In the team that season was J. D. Hamilton, who developed into a topline winger. He was "Dinny" Hamilton, who was to become one of the club's top administrators and who is regarded as the Grand Old Man of Adamstown Soccer. Another to join the club was the noted Brogly Elgy, claimed to be one of the finest goalkeepers the North has produced.

In 1897, Mr. W. Denton became president, Mr. J. Bone treasurer and Mr. G. Nicholls, who had returned from Kalgoorlie, resumed as secretary and team trainer.

The Rosebuds lost their Gardiner Cup match to Newcastle West, comprised mainly of former Wallsend players. Newcastle West played — and lost — in the Cup final of 1898.

The Dudley Colliery disaster of 1898 affected Soccer in the Newcastle area for a time, both in the matter of players and work lost. It was not a good season for Rosebuds, none of its teams showing out.

The club's annual meeting of 1899 was held at Dodds' Wine Shop, the new president being Mr. A. Fidden, the secretary Mr. J. Harrison and the treasurer Mr. R. Talbot. The teams did not do well and public interest began to wane.

At the annual meeting in 1900, the club's new secretary, Mr. R. Matthews, declared that the club's main problems were lack of local interest and support, loss of finance because of wet weather when matches were postponed and injury to senior players. But the problem was not Adamstown's alone. Other clubs were in difficulties too and there were only three teams in the senior competition.

Adamstown did not enter the Gardiner Cup competition in 1900 because of its poor financial position and its team was defeated, five-one, by West Wallsend in the Ellis Cup final. The senior team's only competition success was in the Eight Hour knock-out competition at Broadmeadow Showground. It defeated Hamilton Athletic, two-one, in the final.

The Rosebuds' team in most of the few senior grade matches that season was: R. Elgy, J. Watt, D. Harris, E. Sparke, R. Talbot, G. Nix, C. George, E. Royse, J. Adams, C. Harrison, G. Roach.

The club's difficulties increased with the formation of clubs at Broadmeadow and Hamilton, a number of Rosebuds' players moving to them. There were difficult seasons ahead. However, the club survived the troublesome years.

Many players from the Newcastle area moved "over the mountain" to other coalfields and teams were formed at Cessnock, Weston, Aberdare, Neath and Heddon Greta. Added to this, the organisation in Newcastle was exceedingly poor and disagreement among parochial-minded association officials did nothing to help the code or the clubs' progress.

There was a split in 1900 and two senior competitions were formed, one with headquarters at Wallsend, the other at Newcastle. Both were weak organisations, the code suffered and its popularity waned rapidly.

Officials of the State Association in Sydney almost completely ignored the North. Indeed, some went so far as to say that they did not want anything to do with the North.

Entry to the Gardiner Cup competition was limited to the four top Sydney teams in 1903, 1904 and 1905. It was "Dinny" Hamilton's efforts which had the competition restored to its original concept.

However, back to the Rosebuds' affairs. In 1905, Rosebuds defeated Merewether, five-nil, in a premiership semi-final and Adamstown Shamrocks defeated Wallsend, three-one. The final, an all-Adamstown affair, drew almost 1000 to see a great match in which Rosebuds scored seven goals to three, — and the entrance fee to see the 10 goals scored was only sixpence.

"Brogly" Elgy was in goal for Rosebuds and his brother, "Brickie" between the sticks for Shamrocks.

In 1906 Adamstown was drawn to meet Balmain in Sydney in a Gardiner Cup Match. The match was drawn at three-all. Then the replay was switched from Adamstown to Balmain. The Rosebuds lost two-one, in a match that produced a near riot when an Adamstown

goal, scored in the last minute, was disallowed.

To make matters worse, Adamstown was banned from the 1907 Cup competition. This decision created a great to-do, not only in the North but also in Sydney. However, it stood.

But there were more ways of catching a fish than one. A club of unknown quantity or quality was entered for the Cup competition. It was called Broadmeadow — and it won the Cup!

Players in the winning team were: R. Elgy, J. Doyle, G. Campbell, W. Harris, W. Maxwell, J. George, E. Clark, W. Jennings, S. Bartley, D. Russell, S. Harris. They were all members of Adamstown Rosebuds! They had formed the team to gain some revenge for the shocking treatment meted out by the State Association to the Adamstown Club. Right well did they gain it!

The teams drew, nil-all, in the final played at Lillyfield but Broadmeadow won the replay, three goals to two, at Broadmeadow Showground. T. Jones replaced S. Harris in the replay.

Adamstown Rosebuds was now a firmly established club and with its players returning from the hastily-formed Broadmeadow team, was bent on more success. And it gained it — as will be told in further articles as the KB United Club's season advances.



Peter Willis blocks a Canberra City attack during the Prime Minister's Cup match in March.  
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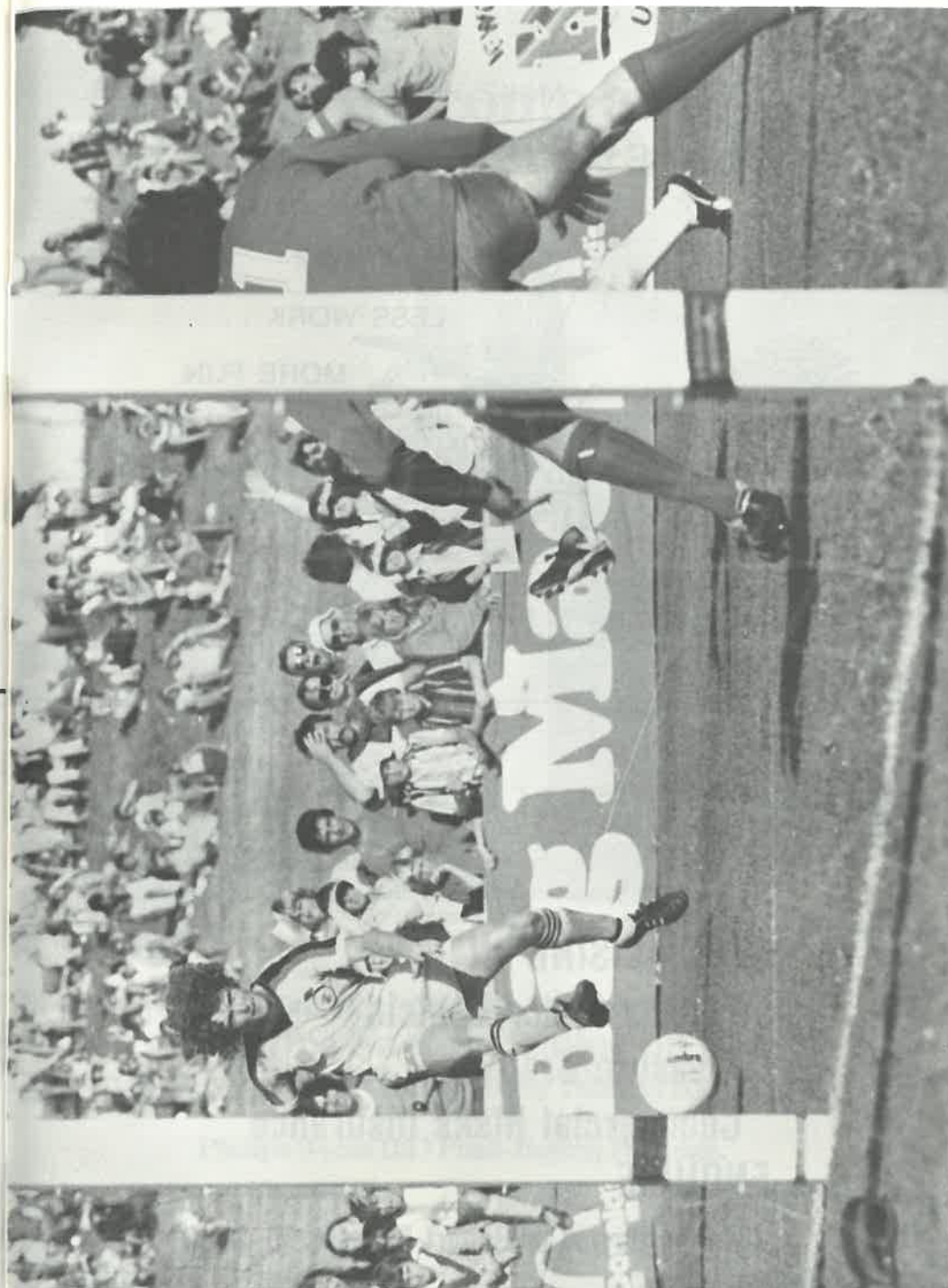
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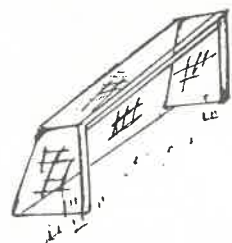
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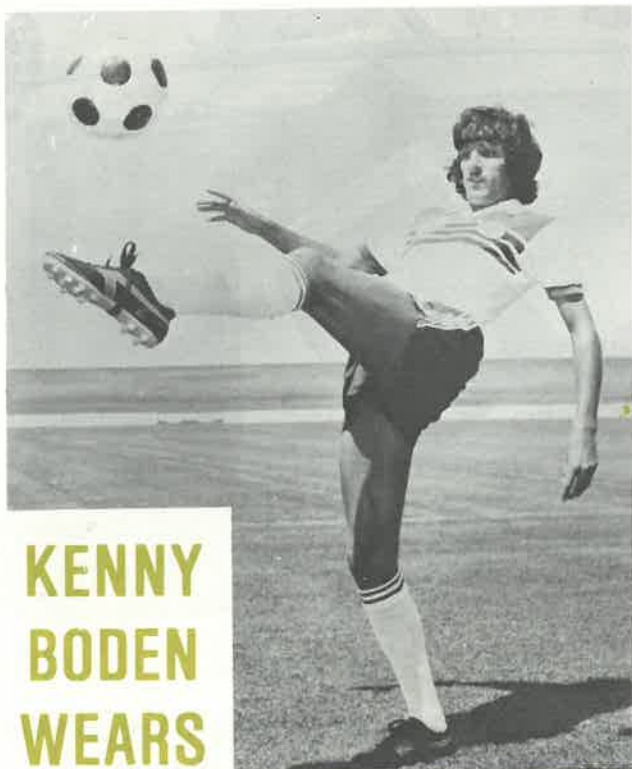
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